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- Recent monthly bulletins of the Hellenic-Soviet League indicate a full program of activities including lectures, motion-picture showings, musical programs and outings, as well as the maintenance of a Russian language school. An average of 150 persons attend each of the three film showings every week. The organization uses a film projector which has been given to it by the Soviet Embassy. According to the bulletins, the Greek organization is in touch with the Anglo-Soviet League in London and the Franco-Soviet League in France and exchanges progress notes with them.
- Director of the Russian language school is Mrs. Alexandra Alafouzou, a graduate of the University of Leningrad. She is assisted by Mr. Gambopoulos. The school enrolled over 200 students for its last term and has enrolled a similar number for its October to June term.
- On 10 November 1946, the League sponsored a celebration of the October Revolution at the Hesperus Theater in Athens. The theater, which seats about 1000 persons, was filled, but there were no standees. The audience appeared fairly well-dressed and definitely above the usual run of KKE audiences. Among those present were Bishop Joachim, an active participant in the EAM during the war, the Charge d'Affaires and two other officers from the Soviet Embassy.
- Two addresses and a film showing made up the program. The first address was delivered by Professor N. Kitsikis, President of the League, who spoke of the development of socialism in the Soviet Union. This was a very dry recitation of figures on agricultural and industrial development in Russia, from which he drew conclusions expressed in monotonously hyperbolic terms. Two examples:

"The Soviet Union is the most highly industrialized and the most agriculturally productive country in the world."

"The October Revolution is the greatest single event in the history of the world."

- The second speaker was H. Petimezas, a former cabinet minister. His theme was the social significance of the October Revolution. Although more moderate in his expressions, he added nothing new.

- Audience response was not enthusiastic; many looked bored and disinterested, and had apparently come only to see CONFIDENTIAL, "Lenin in 1918", which

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concluded the program.

7. The following notes on members of the League's governing council appear in the August bulletin:

- a. Nikos Kitsikis, President  
A civil engineer and professor at the Polytechnic School, Athens. Studied in Berlin. Founded and edited for many years, a magazine called "Technical Chronicles".
- b. Vladimirov Bensis  
A doctor of medicine. Studied in Paris. In 1925 represented the University of Athens at the 200th Anniversary celebration of the Academy of Sciences in Leningrad.
- c. Nikos Kazantzakis, Vice-President  
Well-known author and for a short time, minister in the Sophoulis Cabinet. In 1927 traveled throughout the Soviet Union.
- d. Xenophon Economopoulos, General Secretary  
Lawyer and former judge. In 1922 was General Secretary of the Ministry of Justice.
- e. Panos Kerasotis, Treasurer  
Author and textile manufacturer.
- f. Clearete Dipsa-Malanou  
Philologist. Has written many newspaper and magazine articles, German and Polish translations have been made of many of her works.
- g. Charalambos Theodorides, President Salonica Branch  
Since 1926 has held the chair of History of Philosophy at Salonica University. Has written a good number of books.
- h. Sophia Spanoudi  
Music critic. Studied music and philology in Dresden and Paris. Has written music articles in all the leading Athenian papers. Took part in the celebration of the 100th Anniversaries of Pushkin and Tchaikowsky, organized by the Soviet Embassy.
- i. George Laimos  
Shipowner
- j. John Giannicostas  
Admiral, retired. Was exiled in 1936 and went to France and Spain. Is one of the active members of the Democratic Club.

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- k. Michael Rodas  
Drama critic. Publishes the magazine "Art and the Theater".
- l. Chrysos Evelpides  
Minister of Agriculture in the Sophoulis Cabinet. Is president of the Agriculturists' Federation and for ten years has published the magazine "Agricultural Economy".
- m. Elly Lambridi  
Well-known educator. Is a PhD. author, and director of the Academy of Education.
- n. Spyros Theodoropoulos  
Lawyer, philologist, journalist and editor of the worker's paper "Laos". Very active in labor affairs.
- o. Michael Anastassiades  
Physicist and professor at the University of Athens. Ex-director of the technical broadcasting services.

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